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RE: Recertification Request for Section 18 Emergency Exemption for the use of bifenthrin to control Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB).
Brigade WSB Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 279-3108
Bifenture 10DF, EPA Reg. No. 70506-277
Bifenture EC, EPA Reg. No. 70506-57

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is applying for a repeat section 18 specific exemption for the use of bifenthrin on pome and stone fruit to control Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) in West Virginia in 2018. This is a repeat request of the application submitted and approved in 2017. I hereby certify that data provided in support of the original 2013 exemption request remains valid.

West Virginia University Extension Service has provided support as part of the work group and is in support of this request - please see attached letter. The availability of bifenthrin will be helpful for growers in their efforts to control this newly invasive pest.

Two manufacturers have provided support for the use of the active ingredient bifenthrin. Specifically, Brigade WSB Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 279-3108) produced by FMC Corporation, and Bifenture 10DF (EPA Reg. No. 70506-277) and Bifenture EC (EPA Reg. No. 70506-57) produced by UPI are requested for registration under FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Use Exemption for use on pome and stone fruit for the control of BMSB in all counties in West Virginia. Please see the attached letters of support and draft copies of Section 18 Emergency Exemption Use Directions from each manufacturer.

West Virginia does not currently gather use data from pesticide applicators, so sales data from the registrants is employed to estimate usage of pesticides in the state under Section 18 Emergency Exemptions. However, because they sell through distributors, Sherry Hutcheson of UPI was unable to determine the amount of Bifenture 10DF or Bifenture EC sold in West Virginia in 2017. Tim Formella of FMC reported that no Brigade WSB was sold or used in West Virginia in 2017.

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There should be no adverse effect to endangered species in West Virginia due to the use of this product. As with any emergency exemption registration, the use of this product will be monitored, including an evaluation of potential impact on endangered species.

I will be awaiting your decision on this Section 18 Specific Exemption request for the use of bifenthrin on pome and stone fruit to control Brown Marmorated Stink Bug in West Virginia. If you should have any questions regarding this request, I may be reached at 304-558-2209 or gbishop@wvda.us.

Sincerely,



Grant Bishop
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cc: Dr. Daniel Frank, WVU

Attachments:

1. Letter of Authorization from Tim Formella, FMC.
2. Draft label for Brigade WSB Insecticide.
3. Letter of Authorization from Sherry Hutcheson, UPI.
4. Draft labels for Bifenture EC and Bifenture 10DF.
5. Letter of support from West Virginia University

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May 14, 2018

Re: Brown Marmorated Stink Bug – Section 18 Emergency Exemption

Dear Mr. Bishop,

I am writing this letter to express my support for your request to the EPA to approve an emergency exemption for the use of insecticides containing the active ingredient bifenthrin to control brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) on stone and pome fruit in West Virginia.

As you know, apple and peach are grown on approximately 4,800 acres in West Virginia with an estimated annual revenue of over \$23 million. In the United States, West Virginia is the tenth (10) largest producer of apple and seventeenth (17) largest producer of peach. The leading fruit producing counties in the state are Berkeley, Hampshire, Jefferson, and Morgan.

BMSB continues to pose a threat to tree fruit production in the state and growers have few options available for its management. The addition of the insecticides Bifenture and Brigade would be beneficial for West Virginia growers because it provides an additional product with a different active ingredient to effectively manage BMSB.

I thank you for your efforts and attention to this matter. If I can be of further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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May 14, 2018

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RE: Section 18 Letter of Support

Dear Dr. Powell:

As the registrant for Brigade WSB Insecticide/Miticide (EPA Reg. No. 279-3108), FMC fully supports the proposed renewal of a Section 18 emergency exemption use of the product in West Virginia on apples, peaches, and nectarines to control the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*).

FMC is committed to working with IR-4 in their program to obtain Section 3 registrations for use of bifenthrin on pome and stone fruits. IR-4 conducted field magnitude of the residue trials on apples (PR 11016) and peaches (PR 11017) in 2013 and submitted tolerance petitions for these new uses to US EPA in June 2016. An Agency decision on these uses was expected in September 2017 but the EPA requested an 18-month extension of the PRIA date as they continue with the registration renewal process for the active ingredient bifenthrin. The new PRIA date for the IR-4 submission is now March 25, 2019.

Please contact me by telephone at 215-299-6717 or by email at tim.formella@fmc.com if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Timothy M. Formella".

Timothy M. Formella
Senior Product Registration Manager
FMC Corporation

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

Toxic to fish and aquatic organisms.

For retail sale to and use only by certified applicators or persons under their direct supervision, and only for those uses covered by the certified applicator's certificate



Section 18 EXEMPTION

FOR DISTRIBUTION
AND USE ONLY IN
WEST VIRGINIA

EPA File Symbols:

18-WV-____,

18-WV-____,

18-WV-____

EMERGENCY CALLS: 800-331-3148

ALL APPLICABLE DIRECTIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND PRECAUTIONS ON THE REGISTERED PRODUCT LABEL FOR BRIGADE WSB (EPA REG. NO. 279-3108) ARE TO BE FOLLOWED

THESE DIRECTIONS FOR USE MUST BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE USER AT THE TIME OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION.

This exemption is effective from _____, 2018 through _____, 2018

Crop	Pest Controlled	Rate of Application
Apples, Peaches, Nectarines	Brown Marmorated Stinkbug	12.8 - 32 oz/A (0.08 - 0.2 lb ai/acre)

Directions for Use: Application must be made post-bloom, by ground only as a dilute (minimum 200 gallons of finished spray per acre) or concentrate (minimum 50 gallons of finished spray per acre) in sufficient water to provide thorough coverage. Do not apply this product until after petal fall.

Restrictions: Do not apply more than 32 oz/acre (0.2 lb ai/acre) per application. Do not apply more than 80 oz/A (0.5 lb ai/acre) per year. Do not make applications less than 30 days apart. Do not graze livestock in treated areas. Do not apply within 14 days of harvest. Do not allow entry into treated areas for 12 hours following application.

Any adverse effects resulting from the use of Brigade WSB under this emergency exemption must be immediately reported to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.



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May 11, 2018

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RE: Section 18 Letter of Support for Bifenture EC and Bifenture 10DF Insecticides

Dear Dr. Powell,

United Phosphorus, Inc. (UPI) fully supports the Section 18 emergency exemption for use of Bifenture EC and Bifenture 10DF Insecticides, containing the active ingredient bifenthrin for control of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) on apples, peaches and nectarines in West Virginia (and other supporting States). The products we supply are:

- Bifenture EC – EPA Reg. No. 70506-57
- Bifenture 10DF – EPA Reg. No. 70506-227

UPI will be able to supply product to meet the market demand for 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 229-247-9041 or sherry.hutcheson@uniphos.com. If you have technical questions about the product and control of BMSB, please contact Tony Estes at 864-202-7526 or tony.estes@uniphos.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Sherry Hutcheson

Sherry B. Hutcheson
Sr. Regulatory Manager

Cc Tony Estes

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

Toxic to fish and aquatic organisms.

For retail sale to and use only by certified applicators, or persons under their direct supervision,
and only for the uses covered by the certified applicator's certification.

For distribution and use only in West Virginia under an emergency exemption authorized under Section 18 of FIFRA

All applicable directions, restrictions, and precautions on the EPA registered product labels as well as those on these directions for use must be followed. These directions for use must be in the possession of the user at the time of pesticide application.

Products: Bifenture® EC Agricultural Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 70506-57)
Bifenture® 10DF Insecticide/Miticide (EPA Reg. No. 70506-227)

Firm Name: United Phosphorus, Inc.
630 Freedom Business Center, Suite 402
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Crop/Site/Commodity: Apples, Peaches, Nectarines

File Symbol:

Target Pest/Problem: Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*)

Dosage: Apply 5.12 – 12.8 fl ozs (0.08-0.20 lbs ai) per acre of **Bifenture EC Agricultural Insecticide** (EPA Reg. No. 70506-57), **OR**
Apply 12.8 – 32.0 ozs (0.08-0.20 lbs ai) per acre of **Bifenture 10DF Insecticide/Miticide** (EPA Reg. No. 70506-227)
Use higher rates under heavy insect pressure.

Dilution Rate: **By Ground Only:** Apply as a dilute spray (minimum of 200 gallons of finished spray per acre) or concentrate (minimum of 50 gallons of finished spray per acre).
For best control, thorough coverage is necessary.

Frequency/Timing of

Applications: Applications should be applied when populations reach locally determined economic thresholds. Consult the cooperative extension service, professional consultants or other qualified authorities to determine appropriate threshold levels for treatment in your area.
Do not apply more than 32 fl ozs (0.50 lbs ai) of **Bifenture EC Agricultural Insecticide** or 80 ozs (0.50 lbs ai) of **Bifenture 10DF Insecticide/Miticide** per acre per season.
For all Bifenthrin products used, do not apply more than a total of 0.50 lbs ai/acre per season.
Apply as necessary to maintain control using a minimum of 30-day spray intervals.
Do not apply this product until after petal fall.
Do not graze livestock in treated orchards or cut treated cover crops for feed.

Restrictions: This pesticide is extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. Use with care when applying in areas adjacent to any body of water. Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the high mean water mark. Do not make applications when weather conditions favor drift from treated areas. Drift and runoff from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment wash waters.

This product is highly toxic to bees exposed directly to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds. Do not apply this product or allow it to drift to blooming crops or weeds while bees are actively visiting the treatment area.

The use of bifenthrin is prohibited in areas that may result in exposure of endangered species to bifenthrin. Prior to use in a particular county contact the local extension service for procedures and precautions to use to protect endangered species.

Restricted Entry

Interval (REI): 12 hours

Pre-Harvest Interval

(PHI): 14 days

Restricted Use Pesticide: When used in West Virginia, applications can only be made by certified applicators or by persons under their direct supervision and only for those uses covered by the certified applicators certification.

This exemption is effective _____ through_____.